1	2	3	4	5
8e.	Nagaland	25	24	1
8f.	Mizoram	43	23	20
8g.	Arunachal Pradesh	339	300	39
9.	Himachal Pradesh	126	115	11
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	202	176	26
11.	Jharkhand	503	437	66
12.	Karnataka	863	646	217
13a.	Kerala	429	411	18
13b.	Lakshadweep	3	3	0
14a.	Tamil Nadu	765	672	93
14b.	Puducherry	20	15	5
15.	Madhya Pradesh	1221	911	310
16.	Orissa	484	394	90
17.	Bihar	1361	820	541
18a.	Punjab	328	270	58
18b.	Haryana	308	240	68
18c.	Chandigarh	20	20	0
19.	Rajasthan	820	684	136
20.	Sikkim	15	9	6
21.	Uttarakhand	266	132	134
	TOTAL :	15672	12439	3233

Increasing the posts of Judges in Madras High Court

3619. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Justice of Madras High Court has conveyed his request to the State and Central Government to increase the sanctioned strength of High Court Judges;

(b) whether the Madras High Court has the second largest caseload and biggest influx of fresh cases but has the least number of Judges;

(c) whether the Chief Justice of India has also clarified that the judiciary alone is not to be blamed for the delays and the Government is yet to act on increasing the number of Judges and the allocations; and

(d) by when a final decision for increasing the strength of Judges would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the information available, there were 426347 cases pending in the Madras High Court as on 30.9.2007. As a result of the review of judge strength undertaken during the year 2006-2007 in consultation with the Chief Justice of India, 152 posts of

Judges have already been approved to be created in various High Courts. So far as Madras High Court is concerned, the Government of Tamil Nadu did not agree for creation of more posts in the Madras High Court.

Appointment of Judges

3620. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of India has recommended for confirmation of the Additional Judges as permanent Judges of High Courts, without the consent of the Supreme Court collegium;

(b) if so, whether Government is thinking of reverting to pre-1993 position, when the collegium did not have any role in Judicial appointments; and

(c) how many cases of Judicial appointments have been recommended by the Supreme Court collegium from 1993, till the 31st December, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Chief Justice of India has, during the period 1.1.1992 to 31.07.2007, recommended the appointment of Additional Judges as Permanent Judges without consulting the collegium.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of Judges in DHJS

3621. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the irregularities in appointment of Judges in the Delhi Higher Judicial Service (DHJS), as reported by the media on the 7th April, 2008;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether transparency is not maintained by the Delhi High Court in the appointment of Judges for lower Judiciary;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to investigate the matter and has decided to take action in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Maintenance of unmarried daughters

3622. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Allahabad High Court has recently ordered for amending the Section 125(1)(C) of Code of Criminal Procedure to enable all the unmarried daughters, even those who are over 18 years of age to be maintained by their parents, if they are unable to maintain themselves;